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# VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

With the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtic.

*Mr.* VOLTAIRE, *in his late Piece, intituled,* Le Siecle de Louis XIV. *has given us the following Anecdote.*

SOME Months after the Death of this Miniſter (Cardinal Mazarine, 1661.) an Event happened of a moſt extraordinary Nature, and what is no leſs ſurprizing, unknown to any of our Hiſtorians. A Gentleman unknown was in the moſt ſecret Manner carried Priſoner to the Caſtle in the Iſland St. Margaret upon the Coaſt of Provence. His Stature was above the common, and of a noble and beautiful Preſence. This Priſoner was during the whole Journey in a Maſk, which had the Chin-piece ſo contrived with Steel Springs, that he could eat and drink without pulling it off; and his Keepers had Orders to kill him, if he ever unmaſked. He remained in that Iſland, until an Officer of great Truſt, named Saint-Mars, then Governor of Pignerol, was made Governor of the Baſtile in 1690, who went to bring him from the Iſland of St. Margaret, and conducted him to the Baſtile, ſtill maſked as before. Before his Removal from that Iſland, the Marquiſs of Louvois went thither to ſee him, and treated him with ſuch Reſpect that he did not offer to ſit down in his Preſence. He was lodged in the beſt Apartment in the Baſtile; and nothing was refuſed him that he pleaſed to call for. His Taſte turned chiefly upon having Linen and Laces of the fineſt Kind, and he was entertained in the grandeſt Manner, the Governor ſeldom ſitting down while with him. An old Phyſician belonging to the Baſtile declared, that he had never ſeen his Face, tho' he had often examined his Tongue and other Parts of his Body; that he was extremely well made, his Skin a little upon the Brown, and ſuch a Tone of Voice as intereſted every Body in his Favour; but that he never complained of his Condition, or allowed any one to ſee who he was. A famous Surgeon, ſays our Author, who is Son-in-Law to the Phyſician I ſpeak of, will teſtify every Thing I have ſaid; and Mr. de Bernaville, Succeſſor to Saint-Mars, has often confirmed it.

This unknown Gentleman, he adds, died in 1704, and was buried during the Night-time, in St. Paul's Church-yard; and what muſt increaſe our Aſtoniſhment is, that no Man of any Figure in Europe diſappeared when this Gentleman was ſent to the Iſland of St. Margaret. Mr. de Chamillard, ſays he, was the laſt Miniſter intruſted with this ſurpriſing Secret; and his Son-in-Law, Marſhal de la Fuillade, the Second of that Name, has told me, that when his Father-in-Law was upon his Death-Bed, he had upon his Knees begged of him to inform him, who this Gentleman was, who was never known by any other Name than that of *The Man with the Iron Maſk*. But his Anſwer was, that it was a Secret of State which he had ſworn never to reveal.

Mr. Voltaire does not ſo much as make a Conjecture who this Perſon was, neither ſhall we; but whoever he was, it ſeems probable, that he was kept incog. from the Day of his Birth to the Day of his Death.

## *Political Reflections.*

THE repeated *Admonitions*, chiefly from the *News-Papers*, which, as *Inſignificant* as ſome People would *repreſent* them, have procured moſt of the *right Steps* taken of late Years; theſe *Admonitions* we ſay, have, at length, raiſed a *laudable Spirit* in the *Magiſtrates* to root out *Debauchery* and *Proſtitution*: But this will *not do* unleſs the *Bulk* of the *People* concur towards a *thorough Reformation*; and to this again nothing could ſo effectually *contribute*, as the *Behaviour* of the GREAT. Some may have G — v—m—ts they *never ſaw*; others *Employments* which they could *never execute*; but, without inſiſting that this is a *little hard* on a *Nation* in *Debt*, let us only take the *Liberty* of *obſerving*, that every Man who lives on the *Public*, ought, at leaſt, to give the *Public* a *good Example*: This will coſt Him *nothing*; and yet he will be a *Gainer* as well as *the Public*; which is *doubly* injured if ſhe pays her *Money* for *nothing*, and ſees it *viciouſly* ſpent.——

In the PARIS GAZETTE by Authority, we have the following Article: *On the* 15*th* Inſtant *the Son of the King of* Annamabòe *came to take a View of the Caſtle and Gardens of Verſailles*. As this Reception of a *Negro* Youth ſhews the *French* Court have Views upon *this Place*, (ANNAMABOE) which belonged to the Royal *African* Company of *England*, whoſe *Fort* there lies in Ruins, and now to the *Public*, Orders no doubt, are already given to *rebuild* and put it in a *State* of *Defence*.

If it be granted for Argument Sake, that PATIENCE and CONTENTMENT are not found amongſt the fineſt Qualities of the *Engliſh*, as ſome affect to hold, it is to be feared that the Conceſſion may lead one to conſider the Influence which the Want of theſe Virtues may have over public Affairs: If on the one Hand the *Generality* of the People are *peeviſh* and *reſtleſs*, and never contented with any Thing that is done for them, it may perhaps be as eaſy to prove on the other Hand, that *public Managers* have as frequently laboured under the ſame *Diſtemper* of *Mind*. Moſt Men are apt to *long* for ſomething which they cannot, or ought not to have, and *Rulers* as much as any. If *Contentment* were a Virtue common in *Courts*, CHARLES the Firſt had not been brought to the *Block*; and if the People could have been *contented* under the Government introduc'd afterwards, we ſhould have had no *Reſtoration*. It was likewiſe the *Want* of *Contentment* and *Patience*, either in the *Prince* or *People*, that brought about the *Revolution*: The former could not be ſatisfied with his Share of legal Power, or the latter were not *meek* enough to become *Slaves*. As no human Inſtitution is perfect, and all Men are fallible, a little of the Spirit of *Diſcontent* is a neceſſary Ingredient among the People, to prevent *Encroachments*: As for *Patience*, our *Annals* evince, that they have always had *enough*, and never uſed violent Methods 'til the Axe was laid to the *Root* of *Liberty*.

As to *Europe* in general (leaving the Subjects out of the Queſtion) it ſeems that almoſt *every* Power wants *Contentment*: Some *long* for what they have not, ſome for what they ought not to have, and all perhaps for what is not neceſſary to their well being——One *longs* for *Provinces* which it loſt about *forty* Years ago: Another wants a *Navy* as powerful as *England*'s, that he may *give Laws* in the *Weſt*. ——Another he *ſighs* after G — *b*——*r*, which we dare ſay will never be given him.——A Fifth cannot reſt for want of a K——of the *R*——, and the *Sleep* of another is broken by E——ſt F——d.

To return to the Effects of *Diſcontent* at *Home*, it muſt be acknowledged that we have ſome *intollerable Grumblers*, who, if they could have their *Will*, would pay *no Taxes at all*:——On the other Hand, there are ſome who are ſtrongly ſuſpected of being *too much* in *Love* with a certain *Monſter* called G——*n*——*l Ex*——*ſe*, and of watching all Opportunities to make the *People* in Love with it too.——To conclude, Let us hope the *Remark* of the *Lettres Perſanes* will always hold good, *viz.* That the Engliſh are the only People in Europe that have kept their Wits in the Midſt of Madneſs.

*NAPLES, April* 23.

THE Ruins of the ancient City of Heraclea inceſſantly afford ſomething new and curious. There has lately been found amongſt them an Urn of three Feet and a Half high of very fine Marble as white as Alabaſter. The Delicacy of the Bas Relief, together with the Simplicity of the Ornaments, proves the Antiquity of the Work, and ſhews it to be the Production of the flouriſhing Ages of Greece.

*Rome, May* 6. The Engliſh Noblemen and Gentlemen now at this Place on their Travels, having taken into Conſideration the Diſadvantages young Students of their Nation in Painting and Sculpture lie under here, for want of the Foundation of an Academy, with Penſions for the Encouragement of thoſe whoſe Circumſtances will not permit them to proſecute their Studies for a ſufficient Time at their own Expence, have begun a generous Subſcription towards the Foundation of an Academy, and have appointed Mr. John Parker, Hiſtory Painter to be the Receiver and Director thereof. The generous Promoters of this Foundation are the Lords Bruce, Charlemont, Tilney, and Kilmorey, Sir Thomas Kennedy, Bart. Meſſ. Ward, Ironmonger, Lieutheulier, Bagot, Scroop, Cook, Lypeat, and Murphy. And as all Nations in Europe, particularly the French, have Academies, and great Encouragements, 'tis hop'd all Lovers of the Arts will promote this generous Deſign.

*Leghorn, May* 20. The Maſter of a French Ship arrived here from the Coaſt of Barbary, informs us, that the eldeſt Son of the Dey of Tunis has revolted againſt his Father, and block'd him up in a Caſtle at Barde, whither he had been obliged to fly for Shelter, after having been defeated by his Son in a pitch'd Battle.

*Venice, June* 4. A dreadful Storm has occaſion'd divers ſad Accidents here: The moſt remarkable is, that the Lightning fell on a Monaſtery, and kill'd four Nuns, a Prieſt that was celebrating Maſs, the Clerk that attended him, and five other Perſons.

*Hague, June* 5. The Inſtallation of our Serene Prince Stadtholder, as Knight of the Garter, was perform'd Yeſterday at the Houſe in the Wood, with great Splendor. The Garter, Ribbon, and George, were delivered by the King at Arms to Colonel York, who placed them upon his Serene Highneſs; but the Mantle, Collar, and other Enſigns of the Order, being too heavy for a Prince of his tender Age, were placed before him by the Herald upon a Cuſhion of Crimſon Velvet provided for that Purpoſe. His Serene Highneſs appearing ſoon after the Ceremony upon the Steps before the Houſe, in Company with the Princeſs Caroline his Siſter, a vaſt Concourſe of People gathered together to ſee ſo young a Prince inveſted with the moſt Honourable Order in Europe. The Day was concluded with a moſt magnificent Entertainment, at which were preſent his Serene Highneſs, with the Plenipotentiaries, Meſſ. the Deputies of the States, and ſeveral other Perſons of the higheſt Rank. The Dignity and Preſence of Mind with which the young Prince behav'd during the whole Ceremony was admired by all who were preſent at it.

*Extract of a Letter from Paris, May* 15.

" According to ſome Advices from Italy, *Prince Edward Stuart* is actually upon a Ramble through the principal Cities in that Country, but it does not appear that he ſtops long any where, or intends to take up his Reſt in any of them; for they aſſure us that he is expected back forthwith at the Place of his Reſidence; but in what Region or Latitude that Place lies, they have not thought proper to tell us.



Vienna,

*Vienna, June* 10. The Succeſs of the Election of a King of the Romans, in Favour of the Archduke Joſeph, is thought here to be ſo ſure, and ſo near at Hand, that nothing can, humbly ſpeaking, traverſe it; the Elector Palatine having been ſatisfied for the Damage which the Subjects of that Prince pretended to ſuffer by the Imperial Troops in the late War; and great Pains are taken to adjuſt, in an amicable Manner, the Pretenſions of the ſame Nature made by the Court of Saxony.

*Utrecht, June* 18. The laſt Courier from Hanover that paſſed this Way for England, carried a Memorial concerning the Repreſentations which his Britannick Majeſty charges Mr. Keene to make to the Court of Spain, concerning the intolerable Conduct of the Spaniſh Garda Coſtas in America.

*Paris, June* 21. The Envoy from Tripoli, who has been here almoſt two Months, has not yet been admitted to an Audience of the King; and, if we may judge of ſome Advices received from Toulon, the Court has already made the Tripolitans feel the Effects of its Reſentment. Thoſe Corſairs, who have dared to inſult our Flag ſeveral Times, muſt prepare to ſuſtain an open War. Seven of their Veſſels have lately been taken; but this is only a Sample of the Satisfaction we intend to take for their Raſhneſs. It is well known that M. Villerzel, who put to Sea the 29th of laſt Month, is to cruize upon them: We are aſſured that his Squadron will ſoon be reinforced by four Men of War and a Bomb-Ketch actually equipping at Toulon; and that, after the Arrival of four other Men of War and two Bomb-Ketches expected from Breſt, he will go to bombard Tripoli.

*Extract of a private Letter from Paris, June* 6.

" Matters here between the *Clergy* and the *Parliament* are in a terrible Convulſion. The former is countenanced by the Court, and the latter have the Well-wiſhes of the People. The worſt Things are apprehended from the Fury of theſe laſt. The King, as a good Father, is very deſirous of making his People eaſy, and of preventing the bad Conſequences which are likely to reſult from theſe Diviſions; but it is very much doubted whether the Zeal of his Majeſty is capable of affecting this: It is an Affair where People's Conſciences are intereſted, and wherein a Sovereign, when he interpoſes, very rarely ſucceeds, whether he makes Uſe of gentle or rigorous Methods. His Majeſty ſees the Solidity of the Reaſons offer'd by the Parliament, and would yield to them; but the Clergy have ſuch Influence over this Monarch, that the Parliament can really gain no Ground."

## LONDON,

*May* 5. We hear that Mr. Keene the Britiſh Miniſter of the Court of Madrid, has, by the new Inſtructions ſent him, ſo far accommodated all Affairs relating to the Britiſh Merchants having a free Trade to the Spaniſh Weſt-Indies, that the ſame would ſpeedily be concluded to general Satisfaction.

*May* 7. The Achilles, which left Pondicherry laſt October, has brought Letters importing, that Mouzaferſingue going to take Poſſeſſion of his Dominions, the Patans a Nation in Alliance with him, plunder'd his Baggage, and ſeem'd to be detaching themſelves from the Army: Upon which the Nabob fell upon them; but by an Arrow he fell dead from his Elephant. This Misfortune threw his Army into Diſorder, which the more animating the French who were with him, they attacked the Patans, and ſoon put them to Flight. The Chiefs of the Allies immediately conferred the Sovereignty on Salabetzingue, Brother to Nazerſingue, who immediately ſent for the Sieur de Buſſy, the commanding Officer of the French Troops, and ſeating him betwixt his Brothers, deſired the Friendſhip of his invincible Nation, telling him that he ratified all the Donations of his Predeceſſor, and that if the French would attend him to his Dominions, as they were on the Way with Mouzaferſingue, his Gratitude ſhould know no Bounds: The Propoſal was accepted, as of public and private Advantage. On the March he ſent to Pondicherry the Paravanas, or Grants of Mazuliparam, with its Dependencies, and of the Iſland of Divi, ceded by his Predeceſſor. The Governor of Fort Canoul, which lies betwixt Pondicherry and Golconda made a Shew of Oppoſition; but a Handful of French took his Fortreſs by Storm. A few Days after came Advice that Bajiro, a Chief of the Marats, with 25,000 Men, was for attacking Salabetzingue; but his Menaces, which aimed at no more than a Sum of Money, lowered their Note at the Army; and a ſhort Conference with the Nabob's Prime Miniſter brought him to deſire the Friendſhip of the Nabob and of the French. About the Middle of April 1751, Salabetzingue with an Army, daily increaſing by the Junction of his Allies, entered Edaratbat, a large new built City, the preſent Capital of the Kingdom of Golconda, the ancient City being reduced to a ruinous Kind of Caſtle; and here the Nabob richly made good his Promiſes, and in the higheſt Terms expreſſed his Senſe of the Importance of a French Safeguard. After a Month's Stay the Nabob and the French Detachment moved towards Aurengabad, a large City, which lies 140 Miles S. E. of Surat. In the whole March the French have loſt but fifteen Men by Sickneſs and Deſertion, and but three in Action,

On Monday Night two diſorderly drunken Fellows, ſeeing an old Woman go by in Foſter Lane, it came into their Heads to lay a Wager whether ſhe had any Brains or no; upon this one of them, who thought proper to humour the Joke, went out into the Street and ſtruck her, not perhaps with any Reſolution to do her much Hurt; but unluckily the Blow upon her Head proved more violent than intended, ſhe fell down and expired immediately. The Fellow was ſecured.

We hear that another Perſon is taken into Cuſtody on Account of the Affair of the Marquis Fratteaux.

On Tueſday a Sailor, who had juſt receiv'd his Pay, being at St. James's, and ſeeing the Quality carried in Chairs, was deſirous to ride in the like Manner, and deſired two Chairmen would carry him as far as they could for Half a Guinea, but that they would put often into Port to refreſh.

Admiral Knowles, who is gone to his Government of Jamaica, carried Orders for two Men of War on that Station to ſail to Honduras and Campeachy, to protect our Merchant Ships from the pretended Guarda Coſta's, who take our Ships without his Catholick Majeſty's Commiſſion, under Colour of their having contraband Goods on Board.

*May* 14. We are inform'd from Paris, that their Manufactury of China is to be promoted and eſtabliſhed to a very great Height; they expect in that City from London ſome of the greateſt Artiſts and beſt working Hands of our China Manufacturies, by which they will be enabled to fix their own. In which we ſhall fulfil the Fable, *That we are the Cat's Paw for the Benefit of Strangers.*

A conſiderable Number of Horſes have been lately purchaſed here for the King of France, one of which is a curious Saddle Horſe, and intended for the Uſe of the Queen.

A Chineſe has lately arrived here, who has offered to inſtruct the Engliſh in making of China, equal in every Reſpect to that brought from thence.

*May* 19. According to ſome late Advices from Liſbon, the Britiſh Miniſter, Lord Tyrawly, could never have arrived there in a more favourable Juncture than the preſent; ſince the Portugueſe Court are exceedingly alarmed at the French Settlement in the Neighbourhood of Mozambique, and from thence inclined to cultivate a cloſer Friendſhip than ever with the Britiſh Nation.

Some Months ago we mentioned in our Paper, a Method that was diſcovered by two Gentlemen for making Salt Water freſh. This Invention was laid before the Lords of the Admiralty, who were willing to give Encouragement to ſuch an Undertaking, provided the Projectors would exhibit a Specimen of their Performance. Their Lordſhips alſo enquired what Fuel would be neceſſary, becauſe if a conſiderable Quantity was required, it was equally convenient to load Ships with Water as with Firing. To this Objection it was anſwered, that a Shilling's worth of Fuel was ſufficient to produce 36 Gallons of Freſh Water from Salt Water. The Undertakers then went to Work, got their Engine ready, and the Lords of the Admiralty ordered a ſufficient Quantity of Salt Water from the Nore for the Uſe of the Inventors, who proceeded to the Experiment; and, according to their Propoſal, they produced the Freſh Water. During the Time of the Operation the Water ſeemed to promiſe Succeſs, but before the Affair was to be decided it was ordered to be cloſe caſked up for a few Days. At the Time appointed the Barrels were broached, but the Water had then ſo nauſeous, ſo uncommon, and ſo ſtrong a Smell, that it diffuſed itſelf over the Neighbourhood, where every Body wondered what could be the Cauſe of it. This Affair terminated greatly to the Diſappointment of the Projectors, who had agreed to aſk for no Reward 'til they had executed their Deſign.

They write from Worceſter, that a Perſon, who ſome Years ſince was ſuppoſed to be dead, had lately alarmed a ſmall Village with his Apparition. The Perſon having involved himſelf in more Debts than he could diſcharge, abſconded to avoid his Creditors, and ſome Time after contrived to deceive them, by having a Funeral Ceremony read over a Coffin, which was given out to contain his Corpſe; but appearing about a Fortnight ago too openly, ſomebody who knew him, informed ſome of his Creditors of it, and they had him taken and thrown in Goal at Worceſter, where he now continues.

*May* 30. Letters from Liſbon and Oporto obſerve, That the French have ſent thither ſuch Quantities of Woollen-Cloths and Stuffs, that there has been a Neceſſity for ſelling Engliſh Goods of the ſame Kinds twenty per Cent. cheaper than they could well be afforded, otherwiſe they muſt have been brought back to England, or carried to ſome other Markets, which might not have anſwered better.

On Monday next the Act of Parliament will take Place, for every Perſon guilty of the horrid Crime of Murder to be executed the Day after Conviction, except the ſaid Conviction ſhould happen to be on a Saturday, and in ſuch Caſe they are to be executed on the Monday following; and John Wilford for the Murder of his Wife on Monday laſt in Dyot-ſtreet, is the firſt Perſon who will come under the Cognizance of the ſaid Act.

*June* 2. By a Letter from Fort Auguſtus, in the North of Scotland, we are inform'd, that there has lately been diſcovered on the Eſtate of M'Donald of Glengary, near to that Place, very rich Copper and Lead Mines; and that a Gentleman from London is actually at Work there, having carried with him a Number of Miners for that Purpoſe. The ſaid Letter farther adds, that from the Reports of ſkilful Miners, who have viewed the Country, there is the greateſt Proſpect of valuable Mines there that has yet been diſcovered; and that the ſame, if properly looked after, would turn out to be an ineſtimable Treaſure.

*June* 4. As ſome Workmen were lately digging for a Foundation to build ſome new Houſes, near the Angel and Crown Tavern in Whitechapel, they found a large Quantity of Queen Mary's Coin, to the Amount of One thouſand Pound.

*June* 13. Letters from Hanover run in the moſt favourable Terms in Regard to the Election of a King of the Romans: Among other Particulars, they obſerve, that the Court of France has renewed her Aſſurances of not having the leaſt Deſign to take any Step which may traverſe that Undertaking: They alſo confirm the Reſolution of convoking the Electoral Dyet, and of adding to the Invitation which will be made to the Court of Berlin what follows:

" That the different Members intereſted in the Welfare and Tranquil-
" lity of the Empire thinking it neceſſary, to ſecure the Preſervation
" thereof, to elect in Time a Succeſſor to the Emperor actually reigning,
" it had been reſolved to proceed to that Election without Delay: And
" that as his Pruſſian Majeſty was no leſs animated with patriotic Senti-
" ments than the other States of the Empire, 'twas not doubted that He
" was diſpoſed to concur on his Part in every Thing which may accele-
" rate an Affair ſo important to the Welfare of Germany in general "

Letters from Berlin inform us, that the Proteſtants who are daily repairing thither, have their Expences defray'd, and are accommodated there by the King's Order, 'til the new Suburb, without the Port of Hamburgh, is entirely finiſhed for their Reception. The Number of theſe Refugees exceeds 6000.

*June* 18. Among the ſeveral Kinds of *Gaming*, the loweſt and moſt vulgar ſeems to be that of *laying Wagers*; and it is not only low and vulgar, but too frequently dirty and knaviſh. When a Matter of Fact is diſputed, laying a Wager upon it may indeed ſerve to make an impertinent Coxcomb pay the Penalty of his Ignorance; but a generous, good-natured Man will always ſcorn to take ſuch an Advantage. When neither Party has any Certainty of what they diſpute about, then a Wager is Folly in both: And when it is about Events that depend either on Chance or Providence, it becomes a Kind of Preſumption bordering on Madneſs. This Practice is deſpiſed by all well-bred Foreigners; and we are ſorry to find *Voltaire* has a Flirt at our Country for it, but ſhould rejoice if he, or any Body elſe, could prevail on our Nobility and Gentry to leave it entirely to the Rabble, who might then perhaps leave it off likewiſe, when they ſaw it deſpiſed by their Betters.

Yeſterday

Yesterday Morning an Expreſs arrived at the Admiralty, with an Account that the Aſſiſtance and St. Albans Men of War were arrived at Plymouth, from the Coaſt of Africa, being the Ships that obliged the French to deſiſt, for the preſent, from their Enterprize there; but we are told however, that they have promiſed the Natives who have adhered to their Intereſt, that they will be there again, with an Admiral to command them.

*Edinburgh, May*, 21. On Thurſday the 14th Inſtant, Colin Campbell, of Glenure, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Argyll, and Factor on the forfeited Eſtates of Lochiel and Ardſheal, was barbarouſly murdered in a Wood in the Country of Appin, near to the Houſe of Ardſheal, as he was returning Homewards, after being upon the Buſineſs of his Factory upon theſe Eſtates, by ſome Aſſaſſins, who fired at him out of a Buſh, and then made their Eſcape.

*WILLIAMSBURG, Sept.* 22.

On *Tueſday* laſt, about Noon, the Public Warehouſes, at *Kennon's* on *James* River, were burnt to the Ground, with about Twenty-four Hogſheads of Tobacco.

On *Friday* laſt the Company of Comedians from *England*, open'd the Theatre in this City, when *The Merchant of Venice*, and the *Anatomiſt*, were perform'd, before a numerous and polite Audience, with great Applauſe; the following Prologue, ſuitable to the Occaſion, was ſpoken by Mr. RIGBY.

## *PROLOGUE.*

O! FOR the tuneful Voice of Eloquence.
Whoſe Numbers flow with Harmony and Senſe,
That I may ſoar above the common Wing,
In lively Strains the grateful Subject ſing;
To celebrate the laurel'd Poet's Fame,
And thro' the World the Stage's Uſe proclaim.
To charm the Fancy, and delight the Soul,
To deal Inſtruction, without harſh Controul,
To cultivate (by pleaſing Arts) the Mind,
To win to Reaſon, and with Wit refin'd
To check each Error, and reform Mankind.
For this the Bard, on *Athen's* Infant Stage,
At firſt produc'd the *Drama's* artful Page;
At once to pleaſe and ſatyrize he knew,
And all his Characters from Nature drew;
Without Reſtriction then, as Nature taught,
The Player acted, and the Poet wrote;
The Tragic Muſe did Honour to the State,
And in a Mirrour taught them to be great;
The Comick too, by gentle Means reprov'd,
Laſh'd every Vice, and every Vice remov'd:
For tho' the Foible, or the Crime ſhe blam'd,
Smil'd on the Man, and with a Smile reclaim'd.
Thus was the *Grecian* Stage, the *Romans* too,
When e'er they wrote, had Virtue in their View:
In this politer Age, on *Britiſh* Ground,
The ſprightly Scenes, with Wit and Senſe abound,
The brilliant Stage with vaſt Applauſe is crown'd,
And Shouts of Joy thro' the whole Houſe reſound;
Yet not content to bear ſo great a Name,
The Muſe ſtill labour'd to encreaſe her Fame;
Summon'd her Agents quickly to appear,
*Haſte, to* Virginia's *Plains, my Sons, repair,*
The Goddeſs ſaid, *Go, confident to find*
*An Audience ſenſible, polite and kind.*
We heard and ſtrait obey'd; from *Britain's* Shore
Theſe unknown Climes adventring to explore:
For us then, and our Muſe, thus low I bend,
Nor fear to find in each the warmeſt Friend;
Each ſmiling Aſpect diſſipates our Fear,
We ne'er can fail of kind Protection here;
The Stage is ever Wiſdom's fav'rite Care:
Accept our Labours then, approve our Pains,
Your Smiles will pleaſe us equal to our Gains;
And as you all eſteem the Darling Muſe,
The gen'rous *Plaudit* you will not refuſe.

Entered Inwards, in *York* River.

Sept. 18. *Ware, William Watlington, from Providence, having on Board* 650 *Feet of Mahogany Plank*, 35,000 *Limes*, 2 *Tons of Lignum Vitæ*, 12 *Dozen Pine Apples*, 14 *Turtles*, & 1000 *Lemons.*

Cleared Outwards.

Sept. 15. *Burwell, Thomas Cauzſar, for Whitehaven, with* 258 *Hhds. of Tobacco*, 5000 *Feet of Plank*, 12,000 *Staves*, 6 *Barrels of Tar*, & 20 *Pair of Oars.*

Entered Inwards, in the Port of *Rappahanock.*

Aug. 25. *Ship Briganza, of London, Benjamin Lyon, from London, with European Goods*, & 44 *Convicts and Paſſengers.*
28. *Snow Adventure, of Air, John Montgomery, from Boſton, with Joiners Ware, European Goods*, & 110 *Cags of Sturgeon.*
Sept. 18. *Prince George, of Whitehaven, Younger Kelſick, from Norfolk, in Ballaſt.*
18. *Duke of Argyle, William King, from Glaſgow, with ſundry European Goods.*

Cleard Outwards.

Aug. 22. *Richmond, of Whitehaven, William Smithſon, with* 491 *Hhds of Tobacco*, 10 *Tons of Pig Iron*, 1000 *Feet of Plank*, & 800 *Staves.*

Aug. 29. *Mary, of Glaſgow, Robert Shannan, for Glaſgow, with* 470 *Hhds of Tobacco*, 1300 *Staves*, 50 *Doz. Hoops*, & 2 *Doz. Oars.*
29. *Cockran, of Glaſgow, William Semple, for Glaſgow, with* 548 *Hhds. of Tob.* 13000 *Staves*, 1 *Hhd of Rum*, & 50 *Dozen Hoops.*
Sept. 2. *Sloop Seaflower, of New-York, James Hall, for New-York, with* 8 *Hhds. of Tobacco*, 1030 *Buſhels of Corn.*
14. *Tayloe, of Virginia, John Gaitſkill, for London, with* 401 *Hhds, Tob* 23 *Tons of Pig Iron*, 1000 *Feet of Boards*, 9000 *Staves*, 80 *Feet of Walnut*, 3 *Cheſts of Ginſang*, & 71 *Elephants Teeth.*
16. *Jean, of Glaſgow, John Moderville, for Glaſgow, with* 308 *Hhds. Tob.* 10,200 *Staves*, 450 *Feet of Plank.*
18. *Jenney & Nancy, of Whitehaven, Peter Hindley, for Whitehaven, with* 477 *Hhds, Tob.* 30 *Tons of Pig Iron*, & 1100 *Staves.*
18. *Mayflower, of Whitehaven, John Gaitſkill, for Whitehaven, with* 323 *Hhds. Tob.* & 640 *Staves.*

Entred Inwards, in the Lower Diſtrict of *James* River.

Aug. 19. *Schooner Frances, Chriſtopher Fenney, from Barbados.*
19. *Brigt. Patty, Samuel Whitehurſt, from Madeira.*
19. *Schooner Spakes, Saunders Calvert, from Barbados.*
19. *Sloop Pelham, James Taylor, from London.*
22. *Sloop Glaſgow, Matthew Stroud, from Barbados.*
27. *Schooner William, William Chiſholm, from Providence.*
27. *Sloop Two Brothers, John Davis, from Antigua.*
28. *Brigt. John and Richard, Thomas Calvert, from Barbados.*
28. *Sloop Delphin, Edward Blake, from Spaniſh Town.*
31. *Snow Dragon, Thomas German, from Antigua.*
31. *Sloop Good Intent, Gerrard Syers, from Spaniſh Town.*
31. *Schooner Mulberry, Charles Dingee, from Philadelphia.*
31. *Sloop Charming Molly, Thomas Brickell, from New-York.*
Sept. 2. *Ship Virginia-Packet, Thomas Aiſelby, from Briſtol.*

Cleared Outwards.

Aug. 19. *Sloop King-Fiſher, Thomas Warner, for Rhode-Iſland.*
25. *Schooner Friendſhip, James Knott, for Antigua.*
27. *Sloop Charles, John Geran, for Maryland.*

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE Clerks of the ſeveral Counties are hereby deſired to pay the Fees that accrued to me, between the Twenty-fifth of *October* and the Twenty-firſt of *November* laſt, to Mr. *Robert Carter Nicholas*, in *Williamſburg.*

*Lewis Burwell.*

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*To be Sold, on the Premiſſes, on* Friday *the* 29*th Day of* September,

THE Lands and Plantation whereon Col. *John Simmons* lately dwelt, ſituate very conveniently on *Nottoway* River, on which there is an exceeding good Dwelling-Houſe, with a great Number of very good and convenient Out-Houſes; alſo 450 Acres of Land, within four Miles of the ſaid Plantation, whereon is a well-accuſtomed Water Griſt-Mill. The whole to be entered upon immediately, and the Purchaſe Money to be paid in Money, or Bills of Exchange, on the 20th Day of *October* next.

*Richard Kello.*

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TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, in *Culpeper* County, in *April* laſt, a Heifer mark'd with a Swallow Fork in the right Ear, crop'd with a Hole in the Left. The Owner may have her on applying to

*Robert Coleman.*

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*Peterſburg, September* 16, 1752.

STRAY'D, or ſuppos'd to be ſtolen, the Beginning of *March* laſt, near *Peterſburg*, in *Cheſterfield* County, Two light-gray Mares, one large and very long-ſided, with her near hind Hoof longer and larger than the reſt; the other ſmall, with a bob Tail, the Top of one of her Ears burnt off: The Brand of both forgot. Whoever will bring the ſaid Mares to me, ſhall have Half a Piſtole Reward, paid by

t. f. *Robert Hutchings.*

*N. B.* I will give a Piſtole Reward to any one that will diſcover the Perſon or Perſons that carried the ſaid Mares away. *R. H.*

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TAKEN up by the Subſcriber, living near *England's* Ordinary, in *Louiſa* County, a middle-ſiz'd dark grey Horſe, about 13 Hands high, and about 4 Years old, with a ſmall Star in his Forehead, three of his Feet are white, and branded on the near Buttock S. The Owner may have him of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

*John Mackgehee.*

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RAN away from the Subſcriber, living in the Town of *Peterſburg*, on the 11th Day of *Auguſt* laſt, a Servant Man, named *Godlip Olderage*; he is about 28 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, a very talkative Fellow, and pretends to underſtand the Sea; had on when he went away a dark Fuſtian Frock, a dark Allopine Waſte-coat with Metal Buttons, a Pair of Sagathy Breeches, white Stockings, a dark brown Wig; and is by Trade a Taylor.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Run-away, ſo that he be conveyd to me, ſhall have Two Piſtoles Reward if taken within 20 Miles of *Peterſburg*, Four Piſtoles if any where above 20 Miles, and Six Piſtoles if upwards of 50 Miles.

t. f. *Robert Hutchings.*

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WHEREAS ſeveral Hogs, have for ſome Time been ſuffer'd to go looſe about this City, contrary to Law, which have done Miſchief to the Inhabitants: We are therefore deſired to give the Owners Notice, That if they do not immediately confine them, the Law againſt them will be put in Execution.

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WHEREAS the Subſcriber has been diſabled from carrying on the Trade of a Barber and Peruke-maker, on Account of being kept out of his juſt Debts, many of which are of long Standing, which has occaſion'd my meeting with cruel Uſage from ſome of my Creditors: This is therefore to give Notice to all Perſons indebted to me, that if they don't pay their ſeveral Accounts, and reſpective Ballances, by the 30th Day of *October* next, they may depend on being ſued for the ſame.

He alſo has a Parcel of good Wigs to diſpoſe of, for ready Money or ſhort Credit; the Terms may be known by applying to

Their humble Servant,

*Andrew Anderſon.*

*N. B.* He alſo has Two Lots of Land, adjoining to Mr. *John Coke's*, in *Williamſburg*, to be ſold to the higheſt Bidder. Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaſer giving Bond, as uſual, to

*Andrew Anderſon.*

For

## *To be Sold reaſonable, to be enter'd on at* Chriſtmas *next,*

A Valuable Tract of Land, containing about 1100 Acres, on which the Subſcriber lately lived, called *Manſfield*, in *Dinwiddie* County, being an healthy, handſome Situation, on *Appamattox* River, about 5 Miles from *Peterſburg* Town, *Bolling*'s Warehouſe, and Church, on which is a large Plantation, a Crop of Tobacco and Corn growing, a Dwelling-Houſe (with 4 Rooms) and a Kitchen with Brick Chimneys, with ſeveral neceſſary Out-houſes. Another Houſe 32 by 16, deſign'd for a Dwelling-houſe, but unfiniſh'd, two large fram'd Barns, and a Stable, a young bearing Orchard, with upwards of 200 Apple and Peach Trees, and ſeveral old Fruit Trees; there is Plenty of old Field Paſture Ground, alſo good Wood Range for Stock. About a Quarter of a Mile from the Dwelling-houſe, on the ſaid River, in one Houſe are two good Water Griſt-Mills, with Cullen Stones, and a Bolting-Mill work'd by a Water-Wheel, all eaſily tended by one Man; they've conſtant Water in the drieſt Summers, and in no Danger of Freſhes: At the Mill is a Bake-houſe, with a large Oven, *&c.* for baking Biſket. Leſs than a Mile from the ſaid Dwelling-houſe is Preparation for another Plantation, being a new Tobacco Houſe, and thirty or forty Thouſand Hills of Tobacco and Corn growing: Adjoining to each Plantation is a Piece of low Ground, with about 30 Thouſand Corn Hills on each. Alſo a Tract of good Tobacco Land on *Bear's-Element* Creek, in *Lunenburg* County, about 60 Miles (with a good Road) to *Bolling*'s Warehouſe, on which is a Plantation and Crop growing, two new Tobacco-houſes, an Overſeer and Negroe Houſe; it's convenient to ſeveral Mills, and an excellent Place for Stock.

Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe either of the above Plantations may apply to me, near *Peterſburg*, or, in my Abſence, to Mr. *William Andrews*, to ſee *Manſfield* Land; and Mr. *John Jennings*, or Mr. *John Williams*, to treat for that in *Lunenburg*, they living near the ſame: Alſo 400 Acres on *Mounting* Creek, in *Amelia* County, the Terms of which may be known, and the Land viewed, by applying to Mr. *George Moore*, or Mr. *Daniel Dejarnett*, near the ſame.

*Anthony Walke.*

t. f.

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## *To be* SOLD,

A NECK of Land, containing about 110 Acres, more or leſs, adjoining to Mrs. *Holloway*'s Tract, very well wooded, eſpecially with Rail Timber, *&c.* and bounded on one Side by *James-City* County Road, convenient for carting Wood to *Williamſburg*. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe may know the Terms, by applying to the Subſcriber, in *Powhatan*.

*B. Weldon.*

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## *Landed in* Norfolk, *the latter End of* November *laſt, from on Board the* Martha, *Capt.* Cappes.

A CASK mark'd ED Figure 4 p & Crows-foot in a Piece between, No. 1. a Caſe mark'd I E with o and a Croſs between, No. 1. a Caſk mark'd MM in a Piece, No. 1. Three Hampers mark'd WB in a Piece, No. 1, 2, 3. A Caſe mark'd, ASE, No. 1. Whoever they belong to may have them, by applying to the Subſcriber, in *Norfolk*, and paying the Charges of Landing, Storage, and this Advertiſement.

*Samuel Farmer.*

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## *To be* LET, *from the firſt Day of* January *next,*

THE Dwelling-Houſe, Store-Houſes, and Plantation, in *King & Queen* County, where Mr. *Patrick Barclay* lately lived: The Terms may be known by applying to *John Martin*, Attorney at Law in *King William* County.

t. f.

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## *To be* SOLD,

ON the Subſcriber's Plantation, in *Hanover* County, on the firſt *Thurſday* in *November*, for ready Money, a Parcel of choice *Virginia*-born Slaves, by

*N. W. Dandridge.*

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NOTICE is hereby given, That the Lots laid off at the *Southana*-Bridge, in *Hanover* County, for a Town, will be drawn at *Hanover* Court, in *November* next; at which Time, and Place, all the Subſcribers are deſired to meet.

*James Littlepage.*

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*Virginia*, ſſ.

By the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Eſq; His Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*:

To all Sheriffs, Conſtables, and other His Majeſty's Liege People, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come. Greeting.

WHEREAS *Dick*, a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to *Turſtall Hack*, of the County of *Northumberland*, in the Night of the third of *July* laſt paſt, entered the Dwelling Houſe of his ſaid Maſter, and grievouſly wounding him with a Broad-Ax, in the left Shoulder and Arm, with an Intent to murder his ſaid Maſter, and hath ſince fled from Juſtice: The ſaid *Dick* is a well-ſet, artful, and cunning Fellow, about forty Years of Age, five Feet ſeven or eight Inches high, broad Shoulders, large Hips, a ſmall Waiſt, Bow Legs, and flat Feet, his Teeth very open before, has ſome grey Hairs in his Head and Beard, and ſeveral Scars on his Head; he underſtands going by Water, Shoe-making, Carpenters Work, and Sawing.

*THESE are therefore in His Majeſty's Name, to command and require all Sheriffs, Conſtables, and other His Majeſty's Liege People, within this Colony, to make diligent Search and Purſuit, by Way of Hue and Cry, within their ſeveral Counties and Precincts, after the ſaid* Dick; *and him having found, to apprehend and carry before the next Juſtice of the Peace, that he may be dealt with according to Law. And I do deſire the Governors of the neighbouring Colonies and Provinces, to be aſſiſting in bringing the ſaid* Dick *to Juſtice.*

*GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at* Williamſburg, *this 21ſt Day of* Auguſt, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, in the Twenty Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King* GEORGE *the Second.*

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

*N. B.* The ſaid *Dick* is outlawed, and a Reward of Three Piſtoles is to be given to any Perſon that ſhall apprehend him in this Colony, and if taken in any other Colony the Reward is Five Piſtoles.

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THE Snow *Frances*, *Paul Loyall*, Maſter, who will be at his Moorings, at Capt. *Danſie*'s, in *Pamunkey*, will take in Tobacco for *London*, either from *York* or *Rappahanock* River, at 7 *l. per* Ton, with Liberty of Conſignment. Gentlemen inclined to ſhip, are deſired to ſend their Orders to Mr. *John Norton*, Mr. *Hugh Miller*, the Maſter on Board, the Printer hereof, or to

*Robert Tucker.*

*N. B.* She is a fine new Veſſel, and completely fitted.

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ALL Perſons that have any Demands againſt the Eſtate of the late Rev. Doctor *William Dawſon*, deceaſed, are deſired immediately to ſend in their Accounts, properly atteſted; and thoſe that are indebted to the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to make ſpeedy Payment.

*Thomas Dawſon*, Adminiſtrator.

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CAME to the Subſcriber's Plantation, in *Spotſylvania* County, laſt Summer, a ſmall dark Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder reſembling S turn'd the reverſe, and on the near Buttock ¶. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

*Car. Stubblefield.*

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*February* 4, 1752.

THERE is at the Subſcriber's Plantation, in *Spotſylvania* County, a ſmall black Mare, with a hanging Mane and a long Tail, branded on the near Buttock reſem- C with < at Top in a Piece; ſhe came into the Parts about laſt *March*, and has ſince brought a Colt. The Owner may have her of me, on proving his Property and paying as the Law directs.

*Ambroſe Bullard.*

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## *To be* SOLD,

A NEW Veſſel, now on the Stocks, Burthen about 150 Tons *Engliſh* Tonage, can be launched by the firſt Day of *September* next; and one Veſſel of about 100 Tons, which can be made with a double or ſingle Deck. The Terms may be known by applying to Mr. *Thomas Tallett*, in *Norfolk* County.

t. f.

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THE *Adventure*, *William Cunhouſe*, Maſter, Burthen about 350 Hogheads, now lying at Capt. *Danſie*'s, in *Pamunkey*, will take in Tobacco, for *London*, at 7 *l. per* Ton, with Liberty of Conſignment. Gentlemen, inclinable to ſhip, are deſired to ſend their Notes or Orders to Mr. *William Stevenſon*, Merchant, at *York*, or to the Captain on Board.

t. f.

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## *To be* SOLD,

A TRACT of Land, lying in *James-City* County, about two Miles from where *Powers* formerly kept Ordinary, either together or in Parcels, containing One Thouſand Six Hundred Acres. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſaid Land, may know the Terms by applying to the Subſcriber, living in *King-William* County.

*July* 21, 1752. t. f. *Thomas Chamberlayne.*

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STRAY'D from the Subſcriber, near *Williamſburg*, ſome Time in *May* laſt, a dark Bay Horſe, with a Blaze in his Face, about 13 Hands high, his two hind Feet white, branded on the Shoulder and Buttock W. Alſo a Sorrel Horſe, 14 Hands and one Inch high, with a Star in his Forehead, paces well, branded on the off Buttock S, and on the near Buttock with a plain Brand unknown. Whoever brings them to me ſhall receive a Piſtole Reward for each.

t. l. o. *Nathaniel Crawley*, Jun.

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*Middleſex* County, *June* 10, 1752.

RAN away, laſt Night, from the Subſcriber, a white Servant Man, named *John Johnſon*, a Ploughman, and pretends to underſtand Malting and Brickmaking; he is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, and took with him a dark colour'd Cloth Coat, a lapell'd Fuſtian Coat lined with brown Holland, a brown Allopeen Waſtecoat lined with Blue, a white Kerſey ditto, two Oznabrigs Shirts, and one white ditto, a Pair of Fuſtian Breeches with white Metal Buttons, two Pair of Oznabrigs Trouſers, a brown Wig, a Caſtor Hat, a Pair of *Virginia* Yarn Stockings, and Shoes.

Alſo a Mulatto Man, named *Sythax*, he was lately bought of Mr. *Henry Ennalls*, Jun. of *Dorcheſter* County, in *Maryland*, by Trade a Blackſmith; he is a likely briſk young Fellow, the fore Part of his Head ſhaved, and the back Part long Wool; he took with him a brown Cloth Coat and Waſtecoat, the Coat has two Patches on the left Side of the Back, ſewed in with white Thread, a Pair of ſtrip'd *Virginia*-Cloth Breeches, ſome brown Linen Shirts, and one white ditto, a Hat, Shoes and Stockings. They took a Gun with them. Whoever will apprehend and convey the ſaid Runaways to me, ſhall have Ten Piſtoles Reward, beſides what the Law allows.

*N. B.* If they ſhould be taken ſeparate, Two Piſtoles for the white Man, and Eight for the Mulatto. t. f.

*Armiſtead Churchill.*

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## *To be* SOLD,

A TRACT of Land, lying in *Hanover* County, about 18 Miles from *Page*'s Warehouſe, containing about 1000 Acres, more or leſs: There are three Plantations on the ſaid Land, with very good Buildings. The Terms may be known, by applying to the Subſcriber, on the Premiſſes.

t. f. *John Winn.*

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*Stafford* County, *March* 2, 1752.

AS I have near 30,000 Acres of extraordinary good freſh Land, in *Fairfax* and *Prince William*, which I would willingly rent out to honeſt Tenants, I have impowered Mr. *John Weſt*, jun. at the Town of *Alexandria* (or *Belhaven*) in *Fairfax*, to ſhew the Lands and agree on the Terms, with ſuch Perſons as apply to him to rent the ſame, for three Lives, or 21 Years, and hereby engage myſelf, and my Heirs, to perform whatever Agreements he enters into on that Account.

t. f. *John Mercer.*

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